

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 20, 2008. Claims 1 to 14 are pending in the application, of which Claims 1, 2, 4 to 7 and 9 to 14 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1 to 3, 5 to 8 and 10 to 13 are allowed.

Claims 4 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Without conceding the correctness of the rejection, Claims 4 and 9 have been amended in accordance with the current USPTO guidelines regarding computer-related inventions to clarify that the claims are directed to a computer-readable storage medium storing a computer-executable program. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Newly added Claim 14 is directed to a computer-readable storage medium storing a computer-executable program corresponding to allowed Claim 1. Therefore, Applicants submit that Claim 14 is also in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

CONCLUSION

Finally, the previous claim count totaled 13 (20 paid-for), with 11 independent claims. The present amendment adds one independent claim, bringing the total claim count to 14, with 12 independent claims. Therefore, the fee difference between the previous claim count and the current claim count is one additional claim (part of the paid-for 20), with one additional independent claim (\$210.00). Accordingly, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the \$210.00 for an additional claim or any deficiency therein, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-3939.

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